

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 8, 9, 12, 13, and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-5 (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A method of ~~preventing or~~ treating colonic inflammation and/or colonic hypersensitivity to distension, comprising administration of an effective amount of a composition ~~pathologies of the digestive tube comprising administration of an effective amount of a composition~~ comprising lactic acid bacterium of the species *Lactobacillus farciminis*.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said colonic inflammation and/or said colonic hypersensitivity to distension, results from the pathology is an acute or chronic inflammatory pathology of the intestine.

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The method of claim [6] 7 wherein ~~[the]~~ said pathology ~~to be treated in~~ is selected from the group consisting of colitis, enteritis, Crohn's disease, hemorrhagic rectocolitis, and irritable bowel syndrome ~~and nonulcerative dyspepsia~~.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the composition is in the form of a foodstuff or a dietary supplement.

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A composition for the treatment of colonic inflammation and/or colonic hypersensitivity to distension ~~pathologies of the digestive tube~~ comprising lactic acid bacteria of the species *Lactobacillus. farciminis*.

16. (previously presented) The composition of claim 15 further comprising lactic acid bacteria selected from the group consisting of lactobacilli, lactococci, streptococci and bifidobacteria.

17. (previously presented) The composition of claim 15 further comprising yeast.

18. (previously presented) The composition of claim 15 comprising a fermented dairy product.